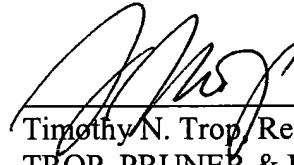


**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 15, and 22 have been amended to include the language “involving a pair of adjacent defective pixels.”

In view of these amendments, the application should now be in condition for allowance and the Examiner’s prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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